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SHITTY NEW LOGO



Revised logo unveiled

Students might lose all faith in humanity if second logo flops

By NICK CARTER
Backstreet Boy

For students who were underwhelmed by the College's first attempt at a new logo, salvation may be here.

The College unveiled a revised logo last night to try to appease critics who thought the first attempt was bland.

"I think our massive bureau-

cracy has done an admirable job synthesizing everybody's demands," Sam Sadler, the chair of the logo committee, said. "This logo will also not offend anybody, except those very few that do not like circles and/or amper-sands."

The logo features green and gold circles and a ginormous amper-sand on top of an expansive white background.

FLAT HAT MUSE NEWS

Anna Nicole Smith tops BOV's president wish list

Powell's grasp of popular culture severely out of date

By HOWARD K. BIRKHEAD
Fat Head Reporter to the Stars

In an odd twist in the presidential search drama, The Fat Head has learned that Anna Nicole Smith tops the wish list of Board of Visitors Rector Michael Powell '85.

"It's high time the College had a female president," he said. "I think Miss Nicole Smith would make a fine president for this prestigious institution of knowledge."

Apparently unbeknownst to Powell, Smith died suddenly just over a year ago. The cause of death was determined to be "accidental" drug overdose.

When pressed to explain Smith's connection to the College, Powell was evasive. It is widely known that Smith serves as a muse for The Flat Hat, but nobody cares about that piece of shit paper, so it is doubtful that Powell chose Smith for that reason.

The buxom former Playboy model and gold digger is known for her 1994 marriage to billionaire corpse J. Howard Marshall.

It was a idyllic romance — the couple met while Smith was working as a topless dancer, and they were married two and a half years later.

BOV Secretary Suzann Matthews '71 approached Powell after the press conference. She appeared to whisper to him, presumably to inform him of Smith's untimely death in 2007. Powell appeared severely distraught and left the room.

Matthews then addressed the room. "I must apologize for Michael's behavior," she said. "I'm afraid he's off his medication, so his grasp on reality is tenuous at the moment. I can assure you that Anna Nicole will be considered for the position, but we aren't going to let our love of her hit reality TV show cloud our judgment."

Students were incensed by Powell's announcement. "This is just another incident of the BOV not listening to students!" Irish Creme Thompson '10 yelled hysterically, flailing her arms about like she had escaped from the loony bin. "Clearly we would all prefer Tila Tequila. Why can't they listen to us?" Student Assembly President Zach Pilchen '09 agreed.

"We need to get everyone involved," he said. "We need the faculty, the staff and the students to stand up to the reality star tyranny of Michael Powell."



ARTS ON CAMPUS



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The Migrant Workers' Art Show went on as planned last night, albeit amid protests.

Migrant Workers' Art Show protested

By NOMBRE FALSO
The Italian's Inexperienced Mistress

Last night, amid protests and a media frenzy, the Migrant Workers' Art Show appeared in the University Center to the delight of most students.

"We are more than just illegal immigrants," MWAS Founder and Director Tom Joad said. "We are also wildland firefighters and interstate truck drivers." Joad then led the crowd in chanting, "Virginia Department of Transportation Commissioner David S. Ekern loves migrant workers!"

One popular performance was a farmhand juggling a crate of oranges, a family of seven and the intense heat of the California midday sun.

Another woman read an original work of fiction about her experience bonding with other migrant workers in their Noir

Valley slums.

Outside the show, however, Campus Police satiated some of their pent-up aggression by combating the substantial protests. The protestors, led by CNN Xenophobe Lou Dobbs, faced SWAT teams armed with tear gas, tasers and K9 back-up.

"It is pure trash," yelled Charles Van Der Wickendom III '10, moments before pulses of electricity coursed through his body. "Don't tase me, bro!"

Other protestors were more level-headed.

"Did you know these migrant workers take art shows away from good, ol' fashioned American workers?" asked Kandy Kane Moropandi '08.

The migrant workers performed before 17 sell-out crowds in the course of one day, but still had to sneak out the side doors to escape in their truck.

FRIVOLOUS SUPERDECK

Hopkins, Pilchen promise voting rights, bird flu cure

By TAD PESCADOR
Fat Head Viral Videographer

Student Assembly President Zach Pilchen '09 and Vice President Valerie Hopkins '09 released 3,217 more YouTube videos today in their campaign for reelection, even though they already won. The videos addressed issues ranging from student voting rights to what the candidates had for breakfast that morning.

"What's the deal with Ovaltine?" Pilchen said in one of the videos. "It's not oval. It's round. They should call it Roundtine."

Some of the videos contained no actual words, using non-verbal forms such as interpretive dance, drum circles and, in one video, a Dadaesque series of increasingly bizarre balloon animals.

"There are only so many words in the English language, and we just kind of ran out of possible combinations of phrases and sentences," Hopkins said.

Most videos promised specific reforms. Chief among those were the right for students to vote in Williamsburg, an end to all sources of sadness at the College including rain and the development of an immunization for avian flu, which has devastated parts of southeast Asia in recent years.

When asked how many of last year's pledges they had fulfilled, the candidates shrugged.

"Truth be told, we've spent most of the year camped out in Swem's media center working on this year's campaign videos," Pilchen said.

SEX AT SWEM

Swem Ref Desk mired in sex scandal

Police investigate semi-lewd IMs

By DANDY STANFORD
Sex Scandal Enthusiast

Authorities are investigating a lewd AOL Instant Messenger conversation between the Swem Library Reference Desk and an unnamed female freshman, whose AIM screen name is "Tribecutie11."

The Mark Foley-style AIM, obtained and printed in full by The Fat Head, begins with the Swem Reference Desk asking Tribecutie11 what she is wearing.

The conversation ends with an away message containing generic "emo" lyrics, leading some to speculate that the sender of the lewd messages may be sad and/or troubled.

"We take all rude messages from

university-managed AIM accounts seriously," Police Chief Don Challis said. "However, what most bothers us are the lyrics posted in SwemRef's away message. Their emotional content touched my heart, and I am sad for whoever sent those messages. I hope that that person gets the help that he or she needs. They are obviously a troubled individual."

The College will hold a vigil tonight for the emo community member who put up the away message in hopes that he or she feels better.

"We are college students," said Fifi Breyer '10, one of the organizers of the event. "We respond to huge problems best by staging vigils that show solidarity, but lead to little or no discernible change. For that, I am proud."

SwemRef: What are you wearing?

Tribecutie11: umm...who is this??!!1!?

SwemRef: This is the Earl Gregg Swem Library reference desk.

Tribecutie11: o... k ;) I'm wearing a top, jeans, and flip flops!

SwemRef: You can't wear flip flops on the third floor of the library. You should take them off.

Tribecutie11: creep!

Swem Ref is away I bled—I tried to hide the heart from the head. And I—I said I bled—In the arms of a girl I'd barely met.

STAFF EDITORIALZ

Nichol: All that’s right and true in the world

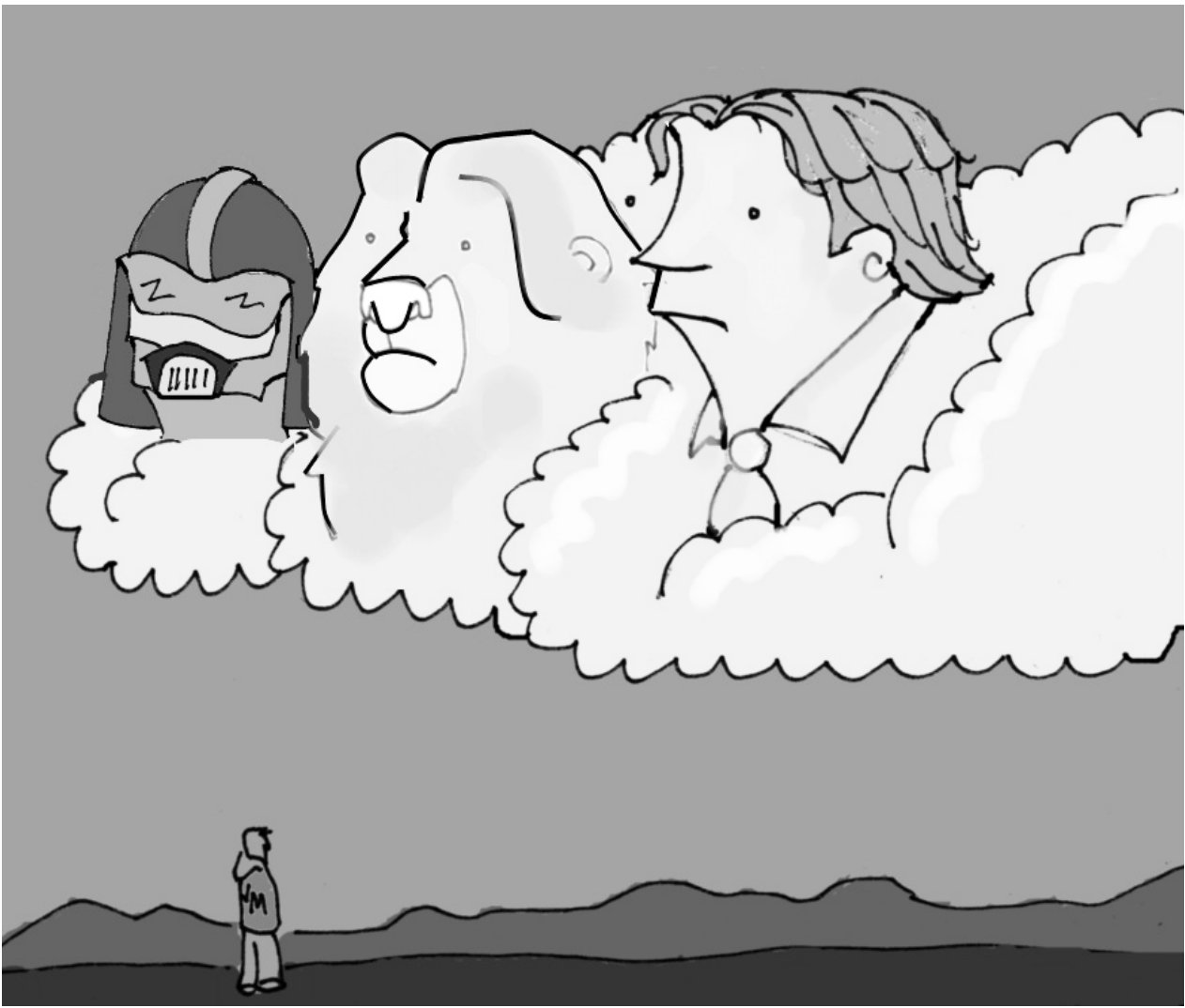
College President Gene Nichol is a bright, shining beacon from Heaven. In his brief tenure at the College, he has increased the quality of living and education so much that a recent study shows that, as a direct result of Nichol’s changes, students are smarter, have darker, more even tans and are on average one and a half inches taller. Every single student has also been automatically accepted into Harvard Law. But none of these amazing facts are as amazing as Nichol, who is amazing. Just look at him. That beautiful hair, those McCain-like jowls of wisdom, that body like a Greek statue. Sometimes, when we lay out in the Sunken Garden just thinking about Gene, it seems like he’s smiling down on us from the clouds — regal and fluffy, kind of like Mufasa, except more liberal. In many ways, Nichol is Mufasa. His hair is used as currency in some parts of the world and his tears can cure leprosy. He is worshipped as a deity in several South Asian countries, four of the Peloponnesian Islands and parts of the Botetourt Complex. It’s true that Nichol has had his critics, but even Mufasa had Scar. Anyone who doesn’t love Nichol, as we all know, is racist. Racist and sexist. And probably ugly. This one time, we saw a really ugly little dog or maybe it was a squirrel with this gross little face and beady eyes and one of us said, “Omigod, what the hell is that?” And our friend was like, “That’s Michael Powell.” Ew. we hate the Board of Visitors. They’re like Scar’s hyena friends. What a bunch of jerks. Deep down they’re just jealous of Gene. Whatever. With all the money we saved without any more Sex Workers’ Art Shows to go to, we’re all buying “I <3 Nichol” tattoos.

Nichol caused polio, fall of democracy in Middle East

We are MAD!!!! Gene “moral decay” Nichol has gone too far. As we all know, Nichol supports turning all women into prostitutes, hiding cameras in every classroom to make sure all professors teach only officially approved curriculum, and shredding all the Bibles in Williamsburg to make a giant papier mache bust of Vladimir Lenin. Gene Nichol is destroying the very fabric of America. His weight — which, anyone can see, is sufficient and objective proof of his poor ability as an academic — will soon grow to such an extent as to curve the time-space continuum, creating a black hole that will suck up the entire world. We’re angry about the Wren cross. It’s in the wrong location by several feet and the plaque has a slight tarnish to it. Clearly, the only solution is to fire Gene Nichol and for all alumni to withhold all donations. By drying up the College’s financial resources, we will send the clear message that Jesus is awesome!! and Nichol sucks!!! If Nichol has his way, the entire philosophy department will be replaced by NAMBLA. He must be stopped. The Board of Visitors must immediately fire Nichol. We’re not politically motivated, but Gene Nichol has the wrong politics and ours are right. For the new College president, we would be happy with anyone from the political spectrum, ranging from Rush Limbaugh to Ronald Reagan’s reincarnated corpse. We’re not asking much. We just want what’s in the best interest of the College: strict curfew for female students, mandatory Protestant services every half hour and no homosexuals or minorities. They frighten us. Also, the College should change its name. The current one is too reminiscent of the College’s politically correct desire for liberal ideological hooley like “education” and “diversity.” Is “Liberty University” taken?

Editor’s Note: The previous editorials were written after we got drunk/high a month and a half ago. We were too lazy to write new ones. Deal with it.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



By OLYMPIA WALCHAKIS, FAT HEAD VISIONARY

The Fat Head

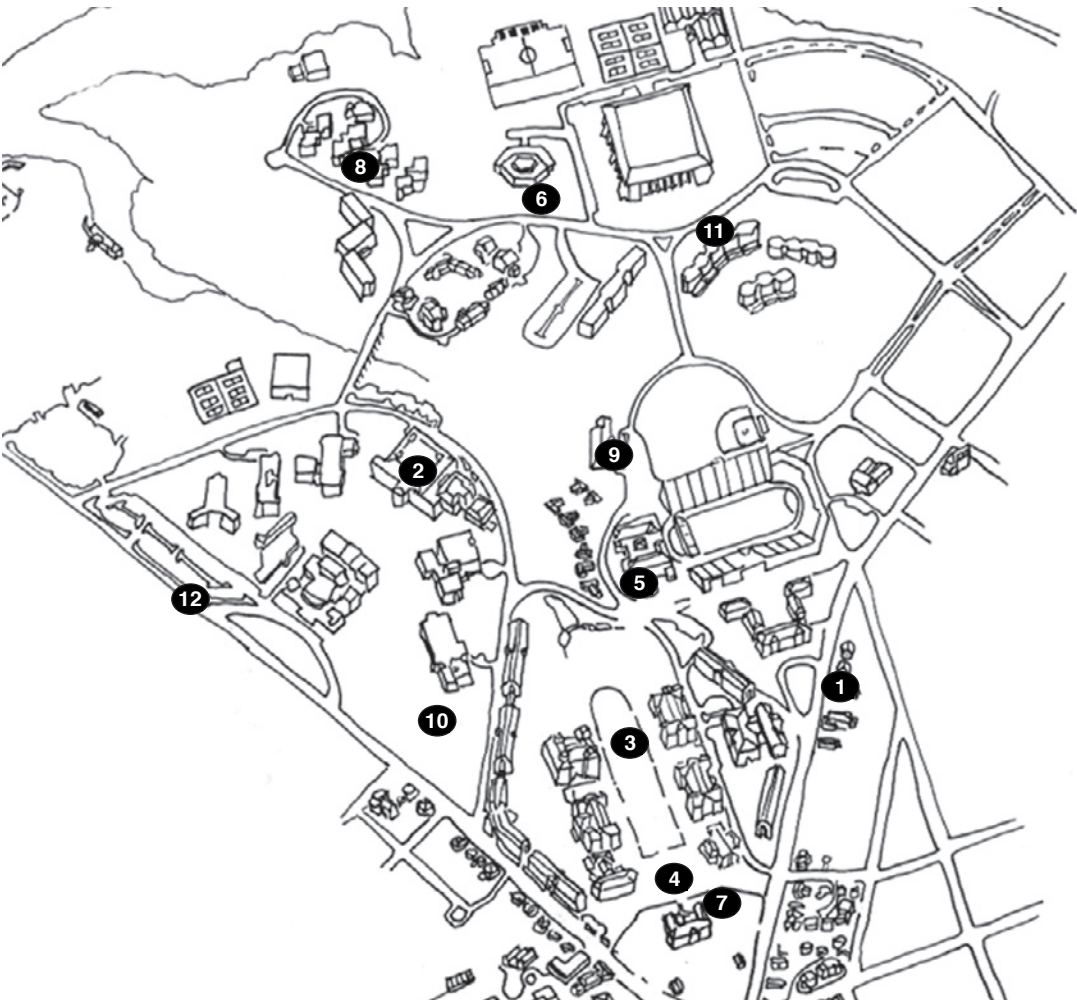
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POLICE BEAT



Tuesday, March 28
— Stacy the Ice Cream Lady was arrested outside Wawa at 3:24 a.m. on charges of drunk and disorderly conduct. She claimed she ate too many scoops of rum raisin ice cream. 1

Friday, March 30
— Caf Man Larry Smith was arrested for embezzling nearly \$1 million from the Commons Fresh Food Company. As he was being led to the police car, he could be heard yelling “I would’ve gotten away with it if it weren’t for you meddling kids.” 6

Thursday, March 29
— A College employee who sells lunch foods from the back of a golf cart in the Sunken Garden reported her cart stolen. Now that Gene Nichol is gone, police have no suspects. 3

Saturday, March 31
— 47 students were arrested by the fashion police for violations ranging from Crocs, popped collars and wearing white before Memorial Day. The students were flogged publicly. 4

— A student reported his bike stolen from Lodge 1. He reported its value at \$500, so the officer bitch slapped him. 5

— Police responded to a noise complaint on the third floor of Swem. They found a student opening a pack of Skittles candy and cautioned him to lower the volume. 2

— Erstwhile Tribe mascot Colonel Ebert was arrested in the catacombs underneath the Wren Building on suspicions of grave robbing. Ebert claimed to be retrieving personal effects he stored there during a homeless stint in 2005, but allegedly smelled distinctly of malt liquor. 7

— Three students were caught in a sting operation set up by police in order to stem a recent outbreak of squirrelnapping. Williamsburg squirrels are prized for their pelts, and are valuable on the black market. 8

— Student Health Center workers were verbally reprimanded by the U.S. Department of Health for continuously trying to diagnose male patients as pregnant. 9

— Jamestown residents were cited for rioting and assault following an attempted coup to take over showers in Barrett Hall. The students from Jamestown claimed to have cracked after the feeble water pressure in their dorm finally gave out completely. 10

Wednesday, April 2
— Housekeepers complained that the entirety of Frat Row had been TPed. Police suspect several “badass motherfuckas” are responsible, and have taken precautions by rationing the Units’ toilet paper supplies. 11

— A 23-year-old white male was arrested for driving intoxicated on a suspended license with an open container of alcohol in his vehicle, possession of a fake ID and possession of marijuana with intent to sell. He was fucked. Allegedly. 12

— compiled by yo mama

STREET BEATING

How do you like it when this lawn gnome attacks you, biatch?



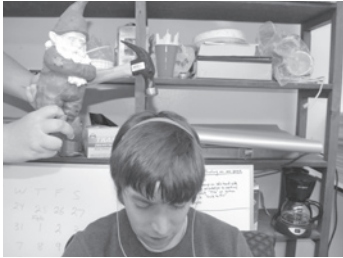
Apple bottom jeans — jeans! Boots with the fur. The whole club lookin’ at hurr.

The Alice Hahn ’09



I took that gnome to town. Respeck.

Duke Tinkerbell ’09



Who bring’s a hammer to a knife fight?

Dandy Missourah ’09



I’ll steal your gnome like I stole your bike.

Dallas Rong ’09



Do you have Speedpass?

Isshin Isshin Bo Bisshin ’11



I kinda like it.

Enrico Palazzo ’09

— photos and interviews by yo mama’s mama

Tribe rolls past Rams

The College's no. 24 women's tennis team improved to 12-8 with a 6-1 triumph over no. 36 VCU. See TENNIS page 8



My big fat Greek carnival

The campus Greek community unites to hold a carnival for Williamsburg-area members of The ARC this weekend. See CARNIVAL page 5

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COMMENCEMENT 2008

College: No need to pay speakers

Official denies Blair asked for too much money

By MAXIM LOTT
Flat Hat News Editor

This month, graduating seniors learned that their commencement speaker is to be Mike Tomlin '95, head coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Some expressed disappointment because the College announced earlier this semester a short list of speakers that included former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, "Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling and Comedy Central star Stephen Colbert.



Blair



Tomlin '95

Every year, the College tries to attract an impressive commencement speaker. However, the College never pays commencement speakers, instead granting them honorary degrees and reimbursing travel expenses.

"It has been the long standing tradition of the College not to pay honoraria to commencement speakers," Secretary to the Board of Visitors Michael J. Fox said. "Receiving an honorary degree from the College has always been considered more meaningful than a dollar amount."

Vice Provost for International Affairs Mitchell Reiss discussed the College's reasons for not paying. He said that those who share the College's values and care about commencement do not need monetary incentives to speak.

"You want to have somebody who hopefully personifies the values of the institution," Reiss said. "The best way to get a speaker, generally, is to have a strong personal connection ... I know that [former Secretary of State] Colin Powell, when he was at the State Department, received dozens of requests to speak at commencements. It's impossible to honor all those — the best way to get someone is when there's a personal connection."

Reiss worked with Blair for three years while serving as the United States special envoy for the Northern Ireland peace process, and for this reason Reiss has

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Nichol talks about family, future

WHRO interview was Nichol's first since his Feb. 12 resignation

By ANGELA COTA
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Former College President Gene Nichol was featured and interviewed Friday evening during the inaugural broadcast of "What Matters" on WHRO. The interview was Nichol's first since he resigned Feb. 12.

Nichol answered questions about his departure and his family in the half-hour show. He also maintained that he was fired for the four reasons outlined in his Feb. 12 e-mail to students. Nichol has denied requests for an interview with The Flat Hat several times, both in person and via e-mail.

WHRV radio personality Cathy Lewis hosts "What Matters," which she said focuses on issues that do not

receive attention from the mainstream media.

Lewis introduced Nichol and presented a timeline of his presidency, including his 2005 installation, the 2006 removal of the Wren cross and the recent Sex Workers' Art Show.

The interview mostly focused on Nichol's preparations to move back to work at University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill.

"My wife and I have accepted appointments at North Carolina, which will be something of a homecoming," he said. "But I think of the students, the faculty members, the really singular character of the College of William and Mary and how much I'm going to miss it. I'm much more moved to think and talk about that than [presidential contro-



COURTESY PHOTO—WHRO

Former College President Gene Nichol appeared on WHRO's "What Matters" Friday night with host Cathy Lewis to discuss his Feb. 12 resignation.

versies]."

Nichol stressed several times how much he would miss students and faculty.

"Thinking now about leaving the College and thinking about what a singular place it is — those are the largest matters on my mind right

now," he said.

He added the students give him "faith for the future," and this experience has been "one that has a larger impact on me than certainly anything in my professional life."

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Professors find love on campus

For married professors, spouse at work creates odd dynamic

By NANCY BLANFORD
The Flat Hat



ALEX HAGLUND—THE FLAT HAT

English Professors Monica and Adam Potkay met while teaching at the College in 1987 and wed in 1991.

Every morning, millions of married couples wake up to start their days. They go about their daily morning rituals, then part ways.

But for Adam Potkay and his wife Monica, this daily morning ritual ends a little differently. After the two have parted ways, they end up at the same place. Adam and Monica Potkay both teach as professors at the College.

Monica started as an assistant professor in the English department at the College in 1987 after finishing graduate school. Adam obtained a position in the same department the following year. The two met at a cocktail party thrown to introduce Adam to the colleagues of the English department.

"Are you Polish? You look Polish. You look very Polish," Adam Potkay said when first meeting her.

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WOMEN AT THE COLLEGE

College approaches co-ed anniversary

By KEIRSTIN FLYTHE
Flat Hat Staff Writer

In the fall of 1918 — nearly 90 years ago — 24 women joined the student body and turned the formerly all-male school coeducational, making the College the first Virginia state school to admit women.

According to student Laura F. Parrish's 1988 master's thesis about the admittance of women, many of the women came with the "desire to be well-educated," while a few others intended their education to be the foundation for a career.

But women's acceptance at the College did not come without struggle.

The Strode Bill, which the Board of Visitors passed Feb. 12, 1918, allowed

women to enter the College. However, there was still opposition. The Feb. 21, 1918, issue of The Virginia Gazette denounced the bill.

"If a senate bill becomes law, historic old William and Mary will be a coeducational institution after this session," the editorial stated. "Shades of all the great alumni of that great college, it is enough to make them turn in their graves! What would Jefferson, Tyler, Monroe, Ewell, Taliaferro and hundreds of other of the illustrious men who have gone forth from her portals, say if they knew? Yet what less is to be expected in these days when women aspire to all the rights and all the privileges of men, their place, their power, and their might."

Yet a March 13, 1918, editorial in The Flat Hat shared a different point of view.

"College life here will without doubt be entirely altered when Mary is allowed to enter with her brother William," it stated. "One result, which is almost bound to follow with the incoming of Mary, will be the addition of another social element to our student body. Still another result will be the

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VOX fights birth control prices

Budget cuts inadvertently raise costs for college students

By MARIA MOY
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Students at the College are working to reverse the dramatic increase in the price of birth control at the Student Health Center.

The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, a bill that meant to lower the costs of drugs for family planning groups, caused the change. It inadvertently cuts off access to low-cost drugs from college health centers so that birth control, which was formerly available to students for less than \$10, has in some cases become five times more expensive.

Now student groups, such as the College chapter of Voices for Planned Parenthood, are getting involved.

"Prices for basic contraception methods such as birth control pills ... rose as much as 500 percent at the Student Health Center," Secretary of Voices for Planned Parenthood Margaret Smith '10 said. Smith estimated that rising drug prices have impacted more than 3 million undergraduates. Vox has collected over 200 signatures for Planned Parenthood's Affordable Birth Control campaign in an effort to drive down

birth control costs.

The Women's Studies Community Action Project is also helping.

According to Beyang Shi, a member of the Community Action Project, the College had the greatest increase in birth control costs of all of Virginia state schools.

"This is an issue of denied basic healthcare, all because there was a mistake in the way the DRA was written," Shi said.

The Community Action Project is promoting the Prevention Through

Affordable Access Act, a bill that would allow college health centers and other safety net providers to continue to buy and sell low-cost birth control. In a letter to Sen. John Warner, CAP stated that over the past three years the price of Ortho Tri-Cyclen has increased from \$18 to \$47, and the price of NuvaRing has increased from \$20 to \$52.

Both groups are worried about the health concerns caused by the recent price increases, and say that they may make birth control too expensive for college students.



BEAU BLUMBERG — THE FLAT HAT

The Health Center offers free condoms and literature on sexual health issues.

Inside the Series

In 1918, women were first accepted to the College. In the coming months, The Flat Hat will present a series exploring this historic event and the media coverage surrounding it.

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Tuesday



High 74°
Low 57°

Wednesday



High 63°
Low 45°

Thursday



High 57°
Low 55°

Source: www.weather.com

FlatHatNews.com Comment of the Week

“Gene goes away and the rankings go up! What a surprise!”

— A student, in reference to the “Marshall-Wythe improves to 30th” article in the Mar. 28 edition

News in Brief

Ball named Truman Scholar

Katie Ball '09 has been named a 2008 Truman Scholar and is the 11th student in the College's history to be awarded the title. Ball will receive \$30,000 to do graduate work in the area of community service, according to The William and Mary News.

Ball is one of the 65 students chosen by the Truman Foundation out of 595 nominees nationwide. She will receive her award at a special ceremony at the Truman Library in St. Louis, Mo., on May 18.

“Katie Ball is an extraordinary young woman, and we are very proud of her,” Interim President Taylor Reveley said in the press release. “I’m delighted that the Truman Foundation has honored her achievements in public service with this marvelous scholarship.”

The last Truman Scholar at the College was Hanley Chiang '02.

SEAC to attend Fossil Fools Day in Richmond

Along with other local sustainability groups, members of the Student Environmental Action Coalition will be attending the annual “Fossil Fools Day” celebration in Richmond.

At the April 1 event, SEAC will deliver a petition to Gov. Tim Kaine explaining the opposition to the proposed Coal Power Plant in Wise County, a project planned by Dominion Virginia Power.

SEAC will also help hand out the Foolie Awards, which are conferred annually to “the world’s biggest contributors to our global addiction to fossil fuels.”

— by Sarah Hays

By the Numbers



1,400 percent

The increase in broccoli consumption per person from 1960 to 2000, according to the Agricultural Marketing Resource Center.



50 percent

The increase in the amount of fair trade coffee produced worldwide over the last two years. Fair trade coffee still only makes up half of 1 percent of all produced, according to CoffeeFacts.com.



25 percent

The volume of an apple that is filled with air, according to the University of Illinois Extension. This is why apples float.



70 percent

The percentage of U.S. oranges produced in Fla., according to the Wellness Encyclopedia of Food and Nutrition. Ninety percent of those oranges are used for juice.

— by Maxim Lott

BEYOND THE BURG



COURTESY PHOTO — WAYMARKING.COM
Schoolkids Records, a UNC—Chapel Hill staple, was forced to go out of business earlier this year.

The end of the college record store

Record stores, once a vital part of the college town, are disappearing

By SARAH HAYS
Flat Hat Insight Editor

Across the United States, independent record stores, once an integral part of the college town, are now dying out. The latest casualties of a faltering record industry, smaller record stores have seen a steady decline in business since the internet became the default market for music.

Along with other college town necessities such as quirky bookstores and coffee shops, the independent record store was a place where both students and locals could come together and indulge their passion for music.

An excellent example of this trend is the disappearance of record stores around the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill. In 2000, there were five stores operating on Franklin St., the area's main thoroughfare. According to a March 28 Associated Press article, each store made around \$250,000 every month during this time. As fewer patrons came, the stores' revenue decreased to only around \$50,000 per month.

The block's last holdout was Schoolkids Records, which was forced to close its doors earlier this month.

Ric Culross, manager of Schoolkids Records, described to the Associated Press the unique influence local record stores have on a university population.

“You walk down the hall of the dorm and hear everything possible, and you will be influenced by all these people,” he said. “They’ve come to a store such as ours to feed off of that, just like they go into a bookstore.”

As much as these stores were an important part of life in a college town, the reality of the situation is that students today experience music in a drastically different way.

Through services such as iTunes, last.fm and peer-to-peer networks, procuring music has become an entirely digital and intangible experience in which the social process of talking to other people has been replaced by the “Listeners Also Bought” box in iTunes.

Williamsburg is currently

down to one record store, Plan 9, part of a small Richmond-based chain. The only other options for buying a physical copy of music is to go to a national chain store or buy online.

While the loss of smaller record stores is painful for many, it is a likely economic inevitability. Album sales have plummeted in the United States, declining 15 percent in 2007, while digital album sales have risen by more than 50 percent, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

Many people are upset over the closing of local record stores. A group of small-store supporters have created a national Record Store Day, which will take place April 18, with the goal of raising support for stores in their local communities.

However, Mike Phillips, owner of Schoolkids, has few positive words to say about the current movement to save independent record stores.

“If everybody was so damned concerned, they should have come in and bought a CD every once in a while.”

STREET BEAT

What do you think about the new Jimmie Laycock Football Center?



Those funds could have been better allocated.

James Fletcher '11



Shouldn't we have renovated Zable first?

Chris Sardo '11



It's built too close to the road.

Tess Perrin '10



As a former football player, I want to punch Jimmie Laycock in the face.

Keon Graves '08

— photos and interviews by Caitlin Fairchild

CITY POLICE BEAT

Mar. 24 to Mar. 30

Monday, March 24 — A black male was arrested at the intersection of Francis St. and Nassau St. for allegedly driving under the influence. **1**

— A juvenile was arrested on the 200 block of New Hope Rd. and was charged with assault and battery. No injuries were reported. **2**

— Three white male juveniles were arrested on the 400 block of Merrimac Trail for stealing two children's bicycles. **3**

Tuesday, March 25 — A black male was arrested on the 1400 block of Richmond Rd. for allegedly being drunk in public. **2**

Friday, March 28 — A black male was arrested on the 1200 block of Richmond Rd. for allegedly driving under the influence. **4**

— A black male was arrested on the 200 block of New Hope Rd. for allegedly being drunk in public. **2**

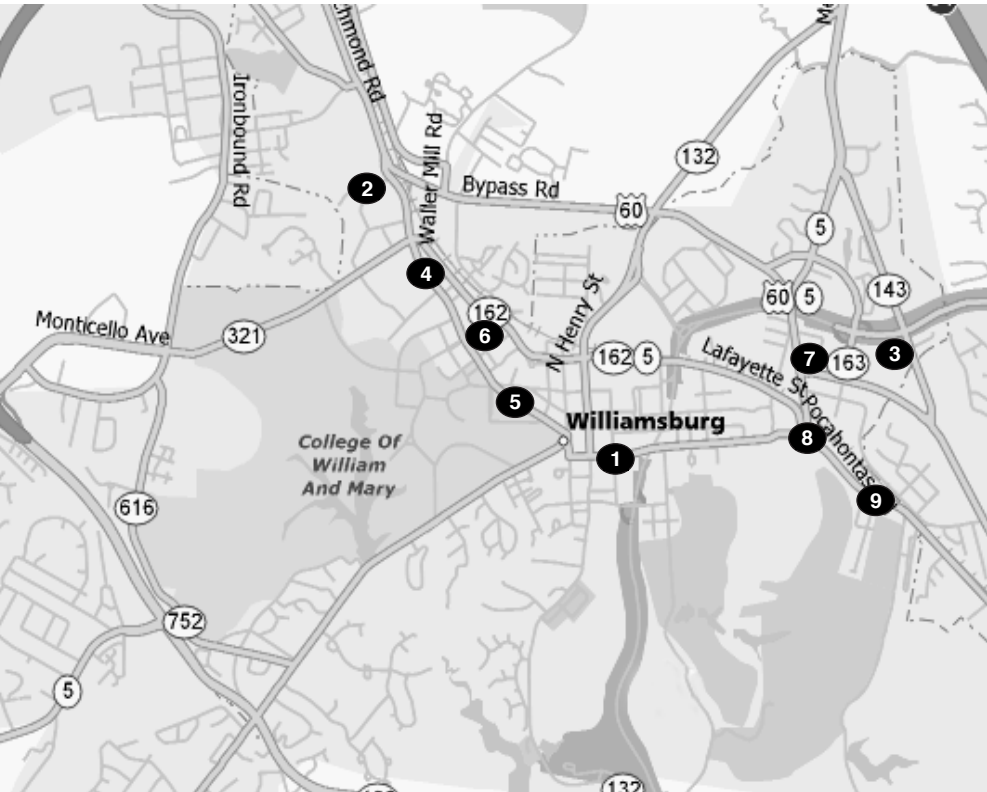
Saturday, March 29 — A white male was arrested on the 300 block of Richmond Rd. for allegedly being drunk in public. **5**

— A male was arrested at the intersection of Randolph St. and Nelson Ave. for allegedly being drunk in public and for underage possession of alcohol. **6**

— A black female was arrested on the 100 block of New Hope Rd. for alleged assault and battery and disorderly conduct. **2**

Sunday, March 30 — A white male was arrested on the 700 block of Tanyard St. for allegedly driving under the influence. **7**

— A white male was arrested at the intersection of York St. and Page St. for DUI and allegedly driving on a suspended license. **8**



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— compiled by Sarah Hays

Nichol appears on local news

Maintains ideology prompted BOV decision

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Lewis asked if that dramatic support from students was a comfort during the controversy, which she said occasionally became vitriolic.

“By any read of internet traffic on this, I was struck by [the] viciousness of some of the commentary; it seemed to have crossed the line, and we’re really not accustomed to seeing this,” she said.

“Being involved in a series of controversies has complicated results,” Nichol responded. “The support [of the students] was among the most touching experiences of my life.”

He also agreed that some of the responses were vicious.

“There is also a dark side of this. There has been viciousness, which I hadn’t anticipated. It’s complicated to comment on it,” he said. “It’s hard to tell where such a line is when you’re a public figure. When you take on a public mission and role, you do it willingly, and I did.

“But the kids and family — they didn’t take this on. I decided to become president of the College of William and Mary — my wife didn’t do that, my daughters didn’t do that. I know there’s a theory, if you’re trying to run the guy out, that’s what you do, but I think you could conclude that that’s unworthy.”

Nichol also said that he remains committed to the idea of the College being a public university and

that it is crucial that it remain such.

“I am still an advocate of higher public education to the bottom of my feet,” he said.

The former president looks forward to re-searching again and shared his view on the country from his perspective as a Constitutional scholar, reflecting on the values that inspired the Gateway program.

“The door to equal opportunity still at the heart of many problems — this is of particular interest to me,” he said. “[I have a] concern that we too easily turn our gaze away from those locked at the bottom, economically particularly.”

Nichol said he looks forward to teaching again and “not having to worry so much about what the fellow next door might be thinking.” He has no plans to re-enter the collegiate political sphere.

“I am going to UNC to teach and write,” he said. “I am not a candidate in the chancellor’s race.”

In addition to teaching, Nichol says he will be, “chasing [his wife] back and forth a little bit.” Glenn George recently received a Fulbright Scholarship and will spend time studying in China.

“What Matters” concluded with a commentary in which Lewis said that the next step for the College is a search for the new president. The search will start next fall as Nichol moves on to UNC.

Blair, College deny former British PM was ever booked

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the College’s connection in attempts to book Blair for commencement.

He said that, unfortunately, Blair was unable to fit the speech into his schedule this year.

Reiss said that rumors Tony Blair had asked for \$150,000 to speak were unfounded.

“Not to my knowledge [did Blair request that],” Reiss said. “Students may be confusing his normal speaking fee with what he would need for commencement.”

Blair received \$500,000 for a speech in Hong Kong last November, Forbes Magazine reported. However, he does not always charge for speeches.

Rumors persist that Blair had originally been booked for commencement but later backed out.

“That is not true,” a spokesperson for Blair told The Flat Hat.

Despite talk about Blair, Reiss said that he was “thrilled” that Tomlin will speak at commencement.

ment. Fox also expressed support.

“This year the opportunity presented itself to have a former graduate of the College — who at a very young age has enjoyed much success in his profession and now has the responsibility of leading one of the most storied professional football teams,” Fox said.

College officials are happy with the pick, but others say that monetary rewards can help attract the most famous speakers.

“When [a college] can afford a nice sum, it is much easier to negotiate with an individual,” Michelle

Lemmons, president of the Dallas Speakers Bureau, told The New York Times. Lemmons’ company books commencement speakers.

Richard Barcham, a consultant for the Dallas Speakers Bureau, told the Cleveland Plain Dealer that approximately 10 to 15 percent of colleges pay speakers. He added that more prestigious universities tend to grant honorary degrees instead of paying speakers.

To date, the College has granted 556 honorary degrees. The first was given to Benjamin Franklin in 1756.

College celebrates 90 years of co-education

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addition of another social element to our student body. Still another result will be the breaking of the historical tradition of the College. Now, we are hindered by it and do things in terms of those who have preceded us; but with the incoming of women, traditions will be changed to a great degree.”

This view was shared by then-College President Lyon Gardiner Tyler, who worked to make the College as comfortable for entering women as possible. A new position opened up

for a dean of women. Two new departments, physical education and home economics, were created for women. Women were housed in the newer Tyler dormitory, while men moved back into older living accommodations on campus.

For the most part, the integration of the College went smoothly. Parrish’s research paper interviewed one of the first women to attend the College, Janet Coleman Kimbrough.

“The war was on, and everyone was thinking of the war so much more than they were of women’s rights and co-education,” Kim-

brough said.

Nonetheless, there were a few bumps on the road to integration. Some clubs, such as men’s literary societies, would not allow women to join. The women eventually began the Alpha Club, a “literary, music and dramatic society for women [that also had] a focus for social activities.” In January 1919, there was a report that “men had insulted women at a literary society debate.” The women also had an organization called the Women’s Student Government, which dealt with campus issues surrounding women.

Professors find love at work

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Monica, whose maiden name was Brzezinski, took to his line quite well. The couple ended up dating and eventually marrying in 1991.

Adam got the impression that a few of his colleagues may have disapproved of such an affiliation.

“That’s Adam’s impression, and it’s a valid one,” Monica said. “But nobody made their disapproval obvious.”

At the beginning of their marriage, the Potkays were one of few married couples working within the College community. Now, there are more than 40 professors married to other professors. Most couples, like Professors Jamie Armstrong and Jamie Bartlett, happen to work within the same department.

“It used to be that couples working in the same department were considered almost inappropriate,” Armstrong said. “Now, spousal hires are a common thing. If both instructors are happy, it’s more likely they’ll stay put.”

Armstrong conducts the William and Mary Choir while Bartlett conducts both the Women’s Choir and the Botetourt Chamber Singers. Together, they collaborate for much of their work.

Even within the same department, Armstrong and Bartlett manage to spend time apart. Between juggling two children, work and hectic rehearsal schedules, the two keep their professional schedules independent from each other.

“Weekends are performing times,” Armstrong said. “Working in academia is a vocation. It’s a 24/7 proposition.”

Bartlett first encountered Armstrong when she was an undergraduate student at Mt. Holyoke College, where he was teaching at the time.

They started dating in 1991 while pursuing graduate degrees at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. The two married in 1994.

Throughout their relationship, the issue of changing Bartlett’s maiden name was the cause of much debate.

“We realized that we would both be turning in job applications with the name ‘Jamie Armstrong’ written on them. We figured ‘Ja-

mie Bartlett’ would raise less confusion,” Armstrong said.

Like Armstrong and Bartlett, Deborah Noonan applied for a position at the College after her husband, Robert Noonan, was hired to the computer science department.

“I just kind of followed him wherever he went, and found a job when we got there,” she said.

For Deborah, meeting Robert helped to determine her career in teaching. The two met in 1972 when Deborah took one of Robert’s classes. They started dating after she asked him for help on differential equations.

“I called him Dr. Noonan for our first few dates. Then eventually I called him Dr. Bob,” she said. “Now I just call him Bob.”

The couple married after Deborah’s senior year.

Deborah said that there are many advantages to working

alongside her husband within a single department.

“When our son was younger, we were able to schedule so that one of us could take time off just in case he got sick,” she said. “It was also easier to plan vacations because our breaks were at the same time.”

If Deborah is ever called away, Robert can even substitute for her introductory computer science courses — but they can easily keep their distance when necessary.

“I can go a whole day without seeing him,” Deborah said. “I can avoid him if we’ve had a fight.”

Neither considers working together to have any disadvantages.

“He’s always been very good at keeping [the] personal from the professional,” Deborah said. When the computer science department goes out to lunch on Fridays, “we’re just two professors in the same department.”

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STAFF EDITORIALS

Nichol snubs students

Former College President Gene Nichol ended his near month and a half of silence Friday to talk to the press. But he wasn’t talking to reporters or answering the questions you might expect. Instead of granting repeated interview requests from the student media, Nichol appeared on PBS, talking cozily with WHRO host Cathy Lewis about issues ranging from the strain on his family to the intellectual rigor of students at the College.

While Nichol has a right to privacy, his resignation e-mail raised more questions than it answered. He has yet to justify his accusations against the College’s governing body — accusations that put Board of Visitors members in the awkward position of having to defend their decision while avoiding further damage to the reputation of Nichol and the College. The BOV faced an interrogation from students, faculty and staff while Nichol shied away from further discussion of his unsubstantiated allegations.

Nichol has snubbed the very students he claims to have championed. It is time for him to answer for his actions in an open, honest dialogue — the way BOV members answered for theirs.

Speaker satisfies

A graduation speaker should inspire. A graduation speaker should motivate. A graduation speaker should be someone so incredibly famous that his or her name resonates from the jungles of Cameroon to the peaks of Tajikistan. Or at least that’s the vibe we’re getting from students on campus. Apparently, Mike Tomlin doesn’t measure up to those standards — and he’s not Tony Blair.

Now that we have that out of the way, let’s reflect on the absurdity of this discontent. For the most part, naysayers simply ignore two key aspects of the selection process: Tomlin’s considerable achievements and the College’s commitment to attracting speakers with its prestige, not with its money.

We stand behind the College and the numerous other elite universities that eschew paying commencement speakers. In fact, only a small percentage of universities opt to compensate speakers. If the College has considered jumping off the bandwagon, we can take heart, for once, that its lack of fiscal resources prevents it from doing so.

Spending \$50,000 on a celebrity flush with cash and not a new professor would rattle even the Us Weekly die-hards on campus. And given our record of drawing illustrious speakers without offering a dime, resorting to cash incentives could harm our prestige, not enhance it.

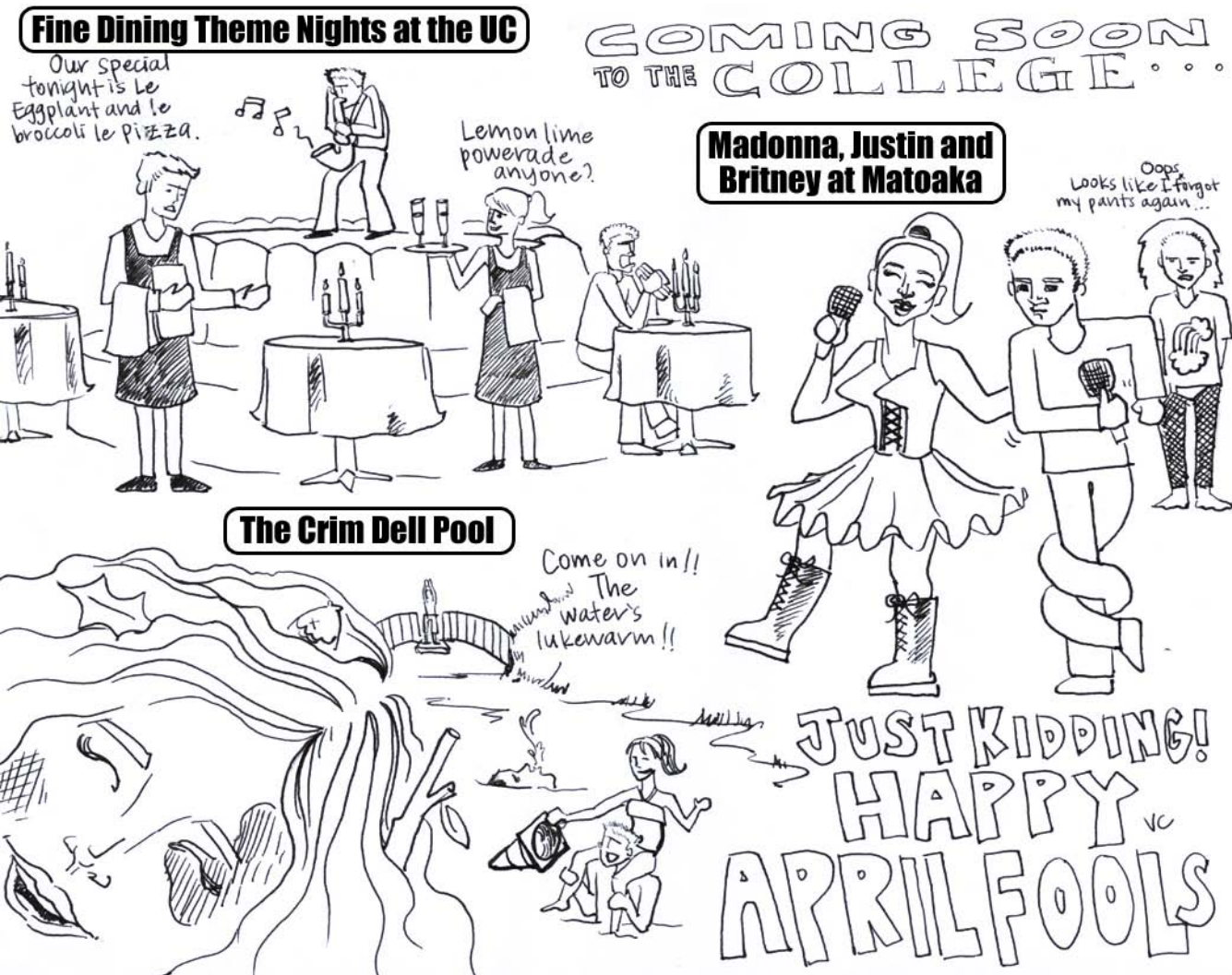
Bringing Tomlin, who is one of only six black NFL coaches, extends that tradition. Not only is the man one of our most distinguished alumni, but he is also a stand-out among the ranks of NFL head coaches. Old white men have long called the shots in America’s most popular sport, but Tomlin’s talent and ability vaulted him to Pittsburgh’s top spot, at the age of 36, making him the second-youngest coach in the league. We also suspect the leader of a celebrated football team might just know a thing or two about motivational speeches.

Too bad they haven’t heard of him in Tajikistan.

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Contraception misconceptions

Alexa McClanahan

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



After a winter of huddling in the Dupont laundry room for warmth and cursing my mother for not buying me rain boots, spring has finally crept into Williamsburg. Even on the colder days, the official spring-is-here daffodils planted in front of Swem and the bright-eyed tour groups gaping at Old Campus buildings keep me hopeful that I might in fact make it out of this semester without eventually receding into the library stacks and being absorbed by the profound volumes that never seem to put it quite as well as Wikipedia.

While the rest of campus sheds the cares of winter to reside in the Sunken Garden for the rest of the semester, let’s not get too crazy. With warmer weather come birds, bees and the tendency to throw caution to the wind — a luxury recently hindered for thousands of college women.

Surges in birth control prices across the country have forced many women to reevaluate or even abandon their chosen methods of contraception.

Prior to a Medicaid addendum that erased this privilege, college health centers and organizations like Planned Parenthood could purchase contraception from pharmaceutical companies for deeply discounted prices. After stores ran out, prices escalated dramatically, forcing women of all ages and socioeconomic brackets to turn to less reliable or desirable forms of birth control.

“Okay,” you say. “But I’m not on birth control. I’m not even a girl. Does this even matter to me?”

The short answer is that it should. Outside the relatively insulated cocoon of college life, thousands of low-income women frequent Planned Parenthood and similar health clinics to obtain affordable birth control.

With appropriate means of family planning, they are able to take control over their own lives and exert a measure of

independence over their sexual health. Without this, they are forced to resort to less preferable methods or no protection at all.

Within colleges like our own, affordable birth control gives women seeking contraception a private and premeditated option. In a culture that glorifies random hook-ups and one-night stands, affordable contraception means safety, discretion and one fewer thing to worry about, especially in situations in which neither party may be capable of making a sound decision. In addition, college-provided birth control outside of personal insurance plans allows adult women to make a personal choice about their bodies that may not comply with their parents’ beliefs.

From a more philosophical perspective, I believe that widely available, low-priced birth control doesn’t encourage promiscuity or sexual irresponsibility. On the contrary, allowing women access to contraception reinforces

conscientious decision-making and personal accountability, and may prevent making more difficult decisions later on. Besides, beyond sexual reasons, many women use the pill to regulate disruptive menstrual symptoms or help with medical problems such as anemia.

So, even if you personally have no use for or intention of going on the pill, think about your friends, girlfriend, sister or that cute girl who sits next to you in Brit Lit, and consider the possibilities. Affordable contraception means safety, responsibility and control for a large segment of the population — boys, that can only mean good things for you.

Take a break from studying in the Sunken Garden to sign a letter or a petition, and keep an eye out for information on upcoming events. I know it’s the end of the year, but some issues stay relevant even when your European history readings or calculus problem sets lose whatever pull they might have had, say, in January.

I encourage you to leave the library and take a look at what you can change on campus, for campus. Affordable, available birth control proves that staying safe can definitely be more fun.

Alexa McClanahan is a freshman at the College.

In a culture that glorifies random hook-ups and one-night stands, affordable contraception means safety and discretion.

Underfunded departments unable to handle GERs 6 and 7

Max Fisher

FLAT HAT SENIOR STAFF WRITER



I love the General Education Requirements. They have brought me to fields and ideas that, though I would have otherwise never considered them, have enriched and changed me in ways I hadn’t thought possible. I dreaded GER 2, which I grudgingly signed up to fulfill with a biology class that turned out to be so fascinating that I stayed in the department for three semesters. I would still be there today if GER 5 had not introduced me to anthropology, which I found even more interesting.

This week, students around campus are registering for GER-fulfilling classes, some of which may have the same enlightening effects as my own. But many students will also struggle to fulfill GERs 6 and 7, known as the performance and philosophy GERs. Though every one of the College’s thousands of students

must fulfill both, they can be selected almost exclusively from a handful of very small classes in underfunded, understaffed departments. Most students will not succeed in enrolling in these classes this semester, as the classes are simply unable to handle the traffic.

For those who do get in, they will find the classes dominated by non-majors like themselves. There may also be a minority contingent of students, driven not by requirement but interest, who have taken other classes in the field and may be majoring in that department. These students will mostly sit twiddling their thumbs while the professor tries to catch the non-majors up to speed.

We can’t blame the less-interested GER-seekers — they have to be there to graduate. We can only blame the well-intentioned but imperfectly executed requirement that forces them there. The College, by affixing these rare GERs exclusively to small-sized classes, has damaged both the classes and the academic pursuits of those students genuinely interested in taking them.

The academic programs that bear the greatest brunt of GERs 6 and 7 are philosophy and creative writing. This spring, of the 28 classes offering GER 7, all small in size, 17 are in the philosophy department. If all students must earn GER 7 to graduate, and two-thirds of classes offering that GER are in philosophy, we can estimate that two-thirds of students will need to take a philosophy class. At eight semesters

The College has damaged both the classes and the academic pursuits of students genuinely interested in taking GERs.

per student, that’s an average of about 500 students a semester.

But how can the philosophy department — only a dozen faculty members, including five full professors — handle all this traffic and still meet the needs of majors? The answer is that, despite the undeniable brilliance and talent of its faculty, it can’t.

There have been some questionable

attempts to broaden what can carry GER 7 — “Philosophy in Kinesiology” comes to mind. But as long as the College insists on assigning GER 7 to a majority of the philosophy classes without giving that department adequate funding to handle GER-seekers as well as department majors in appropriately sized discussion classes, students with both passing and long-term interest in philosophy will suffer.

The story is much the same with GER 6. Creative writing classes, which must be capped at 15 students for the workshop format to function, are some of the toughest in the College to get into. One professor received over 200 inquiries for a 15-person class.

Those students interested in creative writing beyond just the GER may go years before finally getting in, if ever. While I doubt the College has stifled any future Hemingways, it’s ironic that an institution with such a prized English department would show such disregard for creative writing.

Serious pursuit of philosophy or creative writing is difficult enough

— both fields are low-paying and extremely competitive. Would-be writers and philosophers don’t need more hurdles. Currently, they must wait out GER-seekers to get into a class. Once enrolled, they must compete for the attention of professors whose e-mail inboxes and office hours are filled by non-majors requiring extra help. The professors do their best to serve both groups, but their time becomes split nonetheless.

The College should be proud of its GER system, which broadens and enriches students of all fields. But administrators would be wise to consider the very real damage GERs 6 and 7 are causing. Either departments like philosophy and creative writing must be drastically expanded to accommodate long-term students of the fields as well as GER seekers, or the anchor-like weight of GER credit must be removed from those classes. Either way, a serious reevaluation of the effects of requiring thousands of students to take small classes in small departments must take place.

Max Fisher is a senior at the College.

THAT GIRL

Laura Whipple

By SAMANTHA FIEN-HELFMAN
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Laura Whipple drops her overstuffed blue Vera Bradley tote on the Marketplace table with a clump and runs over to say hello. She is full of energy — not surprising given the multiple cups of coffee she drinks daily. A bit flustered and on the move, she still takes time to sit down and ask her friends how they’re doing. Without cues, she congratulates each on their respective achievements of the past week and wishes them luck on their upcoming papers and exams. There are times I think Laura takes notes whenever people say they have a test or event coming up so that when the day arrives, she can remember to send them a note or text to say she is sending her best wishes. I’ve learned that loyal, caring friends still exist, and this week’s That Girl is one of them.

What is your favorite childhood memory?

I’d say just being at the beach with my grandfather, grandmother and our whole family, running across the sand into the ocean and riding the waves back to shore.

Can you tell me a little bit about your family?

I’m from Princeton, New Jersey. People like to give me a hard time about being from New Jersey, but I’m only an hour from Philly and New York. My family is pretty close-knit; there are 16 of us within a 20-minute radius.

What is a random fact from your childhood?

I went to Little Fiddler Academy for preschool, and that’s where I learned to play the violin.

And a recent favorite memory?

Watching the sunset in Zurich and then the sunrise in Paris after a 10-day backpacking trip.

Were you studying abroad at the time?

Yes, in Bath, England. Aside from making me appreciate American culture and falling in love with British culture, it’s where I found my academic focus. I interned at the Bath Magistrate, which provided me with experiences that I had never really had before. I came back much more independent and

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COURTESY PHOTO — LAURA WHIPPLE

Greeks create an arc of friendship



COURTESY PHOTO — LAURA SAUVAIN

At 2006’s carnival, an ARC member practices his face-painting skills. This year’s carnival will include a moon bounce, an egg hunt and picture frame making.

CFA and ISC host ninth annual ARC Carnival as part of philanthropy

By ASHLEY MORGAN & BRITTANY VALLETTE
The Flat Hat

The Council for Fraternity Affairs and the Inter-Sorority Council have again banded together in an effort to enhance the local community. Members of the College’s sororities and fraternities, along with Williamsburg community volunteers, will gather in the Sunken Garden Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. to host the ninth annual ARC Carnival. The event benefits The Arc of the Greater Williamsburg — formerly known as the Association for Retarded Citizens.

“It was one of my favorite days last year,” ISC Vice President of

Community Service Sarah Rojas ’10 said. “It is a great event when Greeks from all different chapters come together for a philanthropic event. It brings people together with the community.”

The Sunken Garden will be turned into a carnival with the help of the party rental company, Big Top. Each client of the organization will be paired with two students, or “buddies,” to participate in activities such as face painting, a moon bounce, an egg hunt and picture frame making. The carnival will also feature a DJ and the traditional carnival fare of popcorn, hot dogs and cotton candy.

“We have invited individual chapters to contribute costumes and items to the event,” CFA Community

Service Chairman Billy Mutell ’09 said. “[They will bring in] things that make the chapters unique, and we are going to try to incorporate into ARC.” Mutell and Rojas have both played major roles in organizing the event this year.

At past events, the carnival proved to be a symbiotic learning experience between the participants and the hosts. Student participants have been invited to share their various talents for the carnival. “It sounds like a fun and awesome way to help out the community without ever even leaving campus, so I thought, ‘Why not take advantage of this rewarding experience?’” Leanne Piña ’10 said. The campus community has high hopes for this year’s carnival.

ARC is a community service organization funded by the United Way. The agency helps with education, advocacy and services for families,

children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

“ARC is a wonderful organization,” Rojas said. “I am glad I had a chance to work with them. ARC provides all the networking and programs of the mentally disabled individuals in Williamsburg.”

Beginning last year, CFA and ISC adopted The Arc as their philanthropic organization. This means that the fraternities and sororities hold monthly events for the clients, including bingo and a Valentine’s Day dance.

“We have tried to help maintain a relationship with the organization,” Mutell said. “Our goal is not only to support them financially, but also active philanthropically. You really get to see the progression in the lives of the members. One of our goals is to create that kind of companionships through our monthly activities.”

Student pens College screenplay

Matt Pinsker finds inspiration during time at the College

By RACHEL OHM
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Matt Pinsker ’09 spent most of his winter break last year watching reruns of “M.A.S.H.” This year, he decided to write a novel.

“I’ve always enjoyed writing, but I never seemed to have time for it,” he said. “This year over break most of my friends were away, and I wanted to do something besides vegetate in front of the television.”

Pinsker estimates that he spent about 10 hours a day writing to complete what turned out to be a 200-page novel that he later adapted to screenplay format. He is currently editing “Sergeant Cheerleader,” a semi-autobiographical screenplay, under the tutelage of theater professor M. Fonkijom Fusi as part of an independent study.

Fusi, who has written five screenplays himself and is currently overseeing a student production of a short film entitled “Morning,” said he liked the ideas presented in Pinsker’s writing and sees potential in his screenplay.

“I think it is a worthwhile project, especially for someone writing his first screenplay,” he said. “It passed many of my tests, one of which is the question of whether it can actually be produced.”

According to Fusi, approximately 80,000 to 100,000 screenplays are registered every year with the Academy of Motion Pictures. Only two or three hundred of these will actually be made into films.

One of the biggest barriers to production is finances. But because

Pinsker’s screenplay is set at the College it could be produced cheaply.

“It could easily be adapted and set anywhere, although the experiences are based on my time here,” Pinsker said.

Fusi encouraged Pinsker to cut the play from its original length in order to redefine characters and scenes and tighten the dialogues.

“I could tell he had never written a screenplay before, but I liked the simple message of his work,” Fusi said.

Adapting a novel to a screenplay can be a daunting task for any writer, but Pinsker said that the writing came naturally.

His original novel, which he called “Confessions of a Mad Male Cheerleader,” was based on his experiences at the College over the last two years, which have been defined primarily by his commitments to ROTC and the cheerleading squad.

“Once I got started, the writing just flowed. I had 12 chapter plans, and I

just expanded on each chapter each day,” he said.

As a freshman Sharpe scholar and ROTC cadet, Pinsker said he was “guilted and bribed” into trying out for the cheerleading team, a notion that he himself acknowledges as humorous. He turned it into a source of comedy in his writing.

Like many novelists, Pinsker used real-life situations to inspire his writing.

“I am hesitant to say that my writing is based on real events,” he said. “But it is definitely inspired by them. It has some autobiographical elements, but it also has a lot of fictional elements.”

Though the screenplay and novel sum up a great deal of Pinsker’s personal experience, he finds that it’s a modest endeavor.

“I’m not trying to be really deep or shed my sense of light on the world,” Pinsker said. “Just looking back on my experience at William and Mary, there were so many entertaining events, I thought it would make a good story.”



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

Pinsker spent a few months writing his screenplay, “Sergeant Cheerleader,” drawing from his experience in ROTC and on the cheerleading squad.

CONFUSION CORNER

Disinheriting your history

James Damon
CONFUSION CORNER
COLUMNIST



My dad is a history nut. Although he currently works at a pharmaceutical company, his drug of choice is not Tylenol or Vicodin but American Civil War History. Left unattended, the man would wander Civil War battlefields for days like some meth head. As you can imagine, Williamsburg holds limitless allure for my father. I, on the other hand, am too worried about the present to concern myself with the past.

Dad’s hobby, or addiction as I choose to call it, took the two of us to the Shirley Plantation last month. It took us over an hour to find the plantation amidst the unnamed roads of Charles City County. The landscape was barren save a few rancher homes and tackle shops. Thin pine trees reached hesitantly for the sky, aiding an otherworldly air to the scene. I was certain that at any moment an army of mutant farmers would descend on our car and eat us, like in The Hills Have Eyes.

“Nonsense,” my dad said as we pulled off at a country store. If there is a gene for being confident and thrill-seeking, I certainly did not inherit it from my father. I am too busy worrying about the present to concern myself with the past.

Sometimes my worries are slightly irrational, like my concern about being mauled to pieces by mutant freaks. Sometimes I worry about real issues, like the economy or the amount of sugar to put in my coffee.

Unlike me, my father thrives in new situations. We had only been parked at the county store for one minute when my father emerged and walked to a nearby pine tree. He told me to roll down my

window as he began urinating on the tree. He explained that the Plantation was only another ten minutes down the road as he concurrently emptied his tiny bladder. I would never have the nerve to pee in public. I would be too concerned about what people would think of me, or whether a passing mutant might attack while I had my hands full.

Public urination is something my father does best, among other embarrassing acts. By the time we arrived at the plantation, the last tour group was getting ready to leave. I went into panic mode, naturally, worrying that we would not fit in the tour group. As my stomach slowly knotted itself into a pretzel, my father let out a fart and asked, “Could you fit us into the last tour group?” It was as simple as that, and we were on the tour.

“Will you look at that?” my father asked as he pointed to a ceiling beam wider than me, “Can you imagine how much work it took to cut that?” I failed to notice the beam until he pointed to it.

“Oh,” I said, “That’s neat.” My father could have pointed to a solid gold chamber pot, and my response would have been the same.

After the tour, my father and I wandered along the James River, which borders the plantation’s southern edge. I was about to comment on a relatively high pollen level that day, when I heard a faint trickle. I turned to find my father relinquishing his fluids to the James River.

I wondered what he was thinking about. Perhaps he was contemplating all the people who had urinated there before him. Or perhaps, like a canine, he wanted to leave his mark on this historical site. I knew he didn’t care what others thought about him, but, just the same, I kept a lookout for any marauding mutant freaks.

James Damon is a Confusion Corner columnist. He’s working on a better way to mark his territory.

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CAPSULE REVIEWS

THE ODD COUPLE GNARLS BARKLEY

★★★★☆

PRETTY. ODD. PANIC AT THE DISCO

★★★★☆

With certain tracks, you might kick back and let the sweet, easy-going rhythms wash right over you; with others, you might dance till you drop. Gnarls Barkley’s latest release, “The Odd Couple,” somehow pulls off both angles, providing a sensuous mix of soulful vocals and cool, breezy electronica — alongside some trancey, funk-infused tunes.

Sure, it gets cheesy, but the cheese is half its charm — with songs like “Blind Mary,” Danger Mouse doesn’t hesitate to throw in sounds better suited for arcade games or animated films, as Cee-Lo wails about his love for a blind woman: “She’s my friend, she doesn’t judge me / She has no idea I’m ugly.” Music like this can only take itself so seriously, and maybe that’s what sets Gnarls Barkley apart from trance junkies like RJD2 and Moby. “The Odd Couple” doesn’t force itself on you, doesn’t preach or hammer you down with fat, repetitive electronica. It all makes for a friendly, nothing-to-lose kind of listen, and it’s nice.

Danger Mouse’s ability to put old sounds in a fresh context might be his secret weapon. It’s nothing we haven’t heard before, but now it’s been revamped, refurbished

and spun up with flashy percussion and Cee-Lo’s gospel-inspired vocals. The hand-claps and staccato horns of “Run (I’m a Natural Disaster)” hearken back to Issac Hayes, and the whimsy, bluesy guitar-writing on “Going On” is reminiscent of love-song rockers like Santana.

But all together, these elements shine with a certain newness — a groove that’s right at home in our nifty age of anything-goes genre-mixing. “The Odd Couple” is a lush, vibrant album that’s good for both upbeat party-mixes and easy, hangover-friendly Sundays. So sit back and enjoy.

— by Kasi Kangarloo

With their sophomore album, “Pretty. Odd.,” Las Vegas’s Panic at the Disco aims to reclaim the emo throne from Fall Out Boy.

The band has parted ways with its exclamation point in an attempt to shed the baby fat show-cased on 2005’s “A Fever You Can’t Sweat Out.” Gone, too, are the bursts of drum-machine tinkering and lead singer Brendon Urie’s tongue-twisting verses. The band has from the bedroom confessional and into the mecca of recording studios — Abbey Road, where the album was mixed.

The first single, “Nine in the Afternoon,” wears its Beatles badge with pride. “Losing the feeling of feeling unique / Do you know what I mean?” sings Urie. ‘Nine’ is a teenager’s ode to discovering marijuana and the Beatles’ “A Day in the Life.” In an age where major labels scoop up bands like Boys Like Girls daily, it’s refreshing to hear a band that wants to crack the mold. Panic now rolls with a wall of (real) pianos, bells, horns and strings in addition to the usual guitars and drums. Somehow, it works.

The drug influence extends to cloying song titles like “That Green Gentleman,” but the lush soundscapes honed by producer Rob Mathes erase any missteps by these baroque-pop young’uns. “Behind the Sea” channels Ringo a la “Octopus’s Garden,” with Ross exercising his surprisingly smoothe vocals, while “She Had the World” rips off George Harrison and “Piggies.” While the music brings to mind The Beatles, Panic still manages to carve out something new and original.

No song this year will be able to match the beauty and simplicity of “Northern Downpour.” Ross and Urie pine about “sugarcane” and “weathervanes” while bassist Jon Walker and drummer Spencer Smith chime in, building the song into a lilting elegy to the moon. Critics and college students alike readily take aim at this band. However, there’s no denying that they’ve learned how to let songs breathe, discovering emo gold — it exists — on mid-tempo songs.

— by Dan Irish



BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

What was really goin’ on in Noah’s Ark

Maya Horowitz

FLAT HAT SEX COLUMNIST



There’s nothing like music to get you in the mood. And I’m not saying I’m a groupie, though I may be sleeping with a man in a band. But that’s irrelevant. What is relevant is that his band’s name is *Sperm Whales and Harmony*. In my opinion, calling a species “sperm whales” is the animal kingdom equivalent of naming your child Hugh Johnson or Kitty Longa. So, I felt the need to investigate this species. What I found was that their name does relate to their physical qualities; sperm whales usually have around six feet of penis. Actually, whales (of all types) hold the record for largest penises in the animal kingdom. And, unsurprisingly, the females of the species are notoriously friendly and cheery.

All of this got me wanting to learn more about animal sex, so I spent many painstaking hours on the internet watching panda porn and analyzing anatomical drawings of giraffes’ birth canals. What I found probably won’t shock you (especially if you watched MTV in 2000), namely that “you and me baby ain’t nothin’ but mammals.” Some animals’ mating rituals seem well within the range of human behavior. The male grasshopper has around 400 mating songs, each with a distinct meaning. Essentially, he’s his own smooth jazz record label.

The male manakin does a dance very similar to Michael Jackson’s moonwalk — most likely because everyone knows that Jacko is dead sexy.

Penguins like to have a little privacy for doing the deed, so they often sneak away from the party to find a secluded spot.

And my favorite eerily human practice is that male macaques play with fruit to get to look at the back end of a female macaque. Looks like their sex industry is about as prosperous as ours.

There are also animal mating rituals that resemble the habits of smaller groups of humans. For instance, there is evidence of animal homosexuality. Two male geese will court each other, and the only way the female can become fertilized is to sneak between the males and then quickly run away. It is estimated that 8 to 14 percent of Californian sea gulls are lesbians. They go through the motions of courting but lay sterile eggs.

There are even transgendered animals. Some male red-sided

garter snakes will release pheromones similar to those of the female of the species to attract other males. Scientists believe that they do this for warmth and protection. My opinion is that they do it for some hot, sweaty male-on-male action.

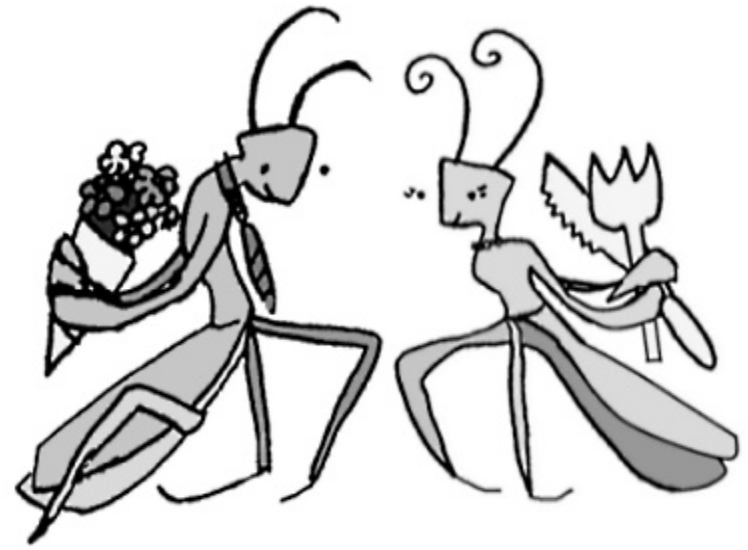
And there are animal mating rituals that resemble certain human fetishes. Sea hares form a hermaphroditic circle and have large, daylong orgies. White-fronted parrots and hippopotami both do things too disgusting to recount in this fine publication. Let’s just say that I have four words for you: two animals, one cup. Cichlid males fertilize eggs by tricking the females and ejaculating into their mouths. Bedbugs are into sadomasochism. They mate using a process called “traumatic insemination” wherein the male uses his sharp sex organ to impale and subsequently inseminate the female.

Of course, some animals do things a little differently than those of us with opposable thumbs. Many people have heard that female praying mantises rip the head off their mate during sex and eat it, but few have heard that the fly *Seromyia femorata* participate in a form of “kissing” during mating; at the end, though, the female sucks out the contents of the male’s body through his mouth. Male lynx spiders wrap the female in silk threads, distract her with a feast of insects and then mount her, unawares, while she eats. Well, actually, that one doesn’t sound too far off from senior prom.

So what’s the point of all of this? What do a bunch of silly facts about the animal kingdom’s sex life mean to you? Well, a few things. For one, it’s a reminder that mating is the most natural process in the world. There is no reason to ever be ashamed at the fact that you are a sexual being. Secondly, there is a wide variation of sexual practices among animals. As humans, we are not stuck with one ritual or another, but are free to choose how to get down, which is also okay. Sex does not have to be just a man and a woman on a bed with the lights off in the missionary position. That is a societal — not a natural — construct.

So, this mating season, I implore you to go out into the world confident about your urges. If you want to try something new, don’t be embarrassed. Lord knows some obscure Australian marsupial has probably done it already.

Maya Horowitz is the sex columnist. She likes to do it like they do on the Discovery Channel.



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Jersey girl studies justice system

THAT GIRL *from page 5*

had before. I came back much more independent and confident. I wouldn’t say I went to go to find myself, but I definitely realized a lot about myself while I was there.

Did you leave wanting to study law?


I’ve always been interested in right and wrong. To me, understanding what affects a person and why they would become a criminal, and how to handle that in a process which helps society is really interesting. Since I returned from Bath, I’ve done a lot of research on victim offender mediation programs and the dilemmas restorative justice is facing toward widespread implementation.

So where do you go from here?

Well I am going to law school next year and, ideally, in three years I will be clerking and working in some position in an alternate court such as a mental help or drug ward. I think our justice system needs to be fixed, and I’m really interested in what therapeutic justice has to offer. It will marry my interest in helping people as well as my strong interest in law and justice.

What has been the most difficult thing you have had to deal with at school?

Well I’ve been in a walking cast for three out of the past four years, and I probably spent four weeks on campus in crutches. Two ankle surgeries were pretty frustrating.



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SPORTS IN BRIEF

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS
Waldman wins conference title as Tribe takes fourth

The Tribe finished fourth out of eight teams at the ECAC Championships Saturday afternoon. Senior Stevie Waldman and sophomores Jennifer Stack and Alison Mederios placed first, second and third, respectively, on the uneven bars for the College. The Tribe finished with six athletes on the All-Conference team as senior Tricia Long, junior Sarah Jacobson and sophomore Stephanie Bevan joined Waldman, Stack and Mederios. Waldman was also named one of four Scholar Athletes of the Year in the ECAC.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
Heacock qualifies for IC4As in first meet

Defending CAA Champion junior Alex Heacock wasted no time qualifying for the IC4A Championships this season, placing second in the javelin throw at the Fred Hardy Invitational Saturday. The throw of 194-10 feet overtook the qualifying standard by more than four feet and fell just shy of his personal record of 196 feet. Heacock won last year's CAA Championship in the javelin by nearly 25 feet.

MEN'S GYMNASTICS
College places second in USAG Championships

The College garnered a second-place finish at the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Championship Friday as the United States Naval Academy took the overall team prize, preventing the Tribe from earning their seventh consecutive Collegiate title. Seniors Andrew Hunt and David Locke won titles in the individual portion of the championship as Locke claimed the top prize on the floor exercise, while Hunt grabbed gold on the high bar. Sophomore James Prim, senior Aaron Ingram, freshman Chris Valeska and freshman Alex Egarter rounded out the Tribe's All-American list with top-six finishes in individual championships.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
Tribe earns nine spots at ECAC championship meet

The women's track and field team set three meet and stadium records at the Fred Hardy Invitational in Richmond en route to collecting nine IC4A bids. The 4x800-meter team of senior Allie Lewis and sophomores Kelly McElroy, Meghan Burns and Emily Anderson set one of the meet records, running a time of 8:58.87. The Saturday action was highlighted by freshman Katie Guevel setting top-ten records for the College, including her 14.29-second 100-meter hurdle time, which overtakes the previous freshman record of 14.95. Guevel also won the 200-meter dash and took second in the 100-meter dash.

— By Chris Weidman

SCHEDULE

Tue., Apr. 1
WOMEN'S GOLF
Tina Barret Invitation
Farmville, Va.

MEN'S BASEBALL
@ Liberty
Lynchville, Va. — 7 p.m.

Wed., Apr. 2
WOMEN'S TENNIS
@ Old Dominion
Norfolk, Va. — 4 p.m.

Fri., Apr. 4
TRACK AND FIELD
COLONIAL RELAYS

MEN'S TENNIS
Western Michigan
South Bend, Ind. — 3:30 p.m.

MEN'S GYMNASTICS
ECAC Championships
West Point, N.Y. — 4 p.m.

BASEBALL

Tribe plucks Hens



GREGORY MLYNARCZYK— THE FLAT HAT
Senior pitcher Pat Kantakevich threw four scoreless innings this weekend, earning his third save of the season Saturday.

College takes two of three in Delaware series

By MATT POMS
Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

TRIBE 9, DELAWARE 4
After a five-game losing streak threatened to derail the Tribe's mid-season momentum, the squad was left searching for a performance to put the team back on track. Saturday, with CAA bottom-feeder University of Delaware in town, junior pitcher Jeremy Neustifter emerged from the bullpen to do just that, leading the College (18-10, 9-6 CAA) to a 6-2 victory to key a 2-1 series win.

In Friday night's opener, senior pitcher Pete Vernon took the hill and set down the first 15 Delaware hitters as the Tribe nursed a 3-0 lead into the middle innings. Yet Vernon's bid for perfection was broken in the top of the sixth as the Blue Hens used three singles and a hit batter to even the score before pushing across five more runs an inning later. The loss ran the squad's losing streak to six games, leaving Head Coach Frank Leoni searching for answers.

Those answers arrived Saturday in the form of an impressive pitching

performance by a pair of Tribe pitchers. To halt his team's slide, Leoni sent out Neustifter in place of normal starter, sophomore Tyler Truxell. Neustifter responded brilliantly, holding Delaware to a lone earned run on four hits over five and one-third sparkling innings, before yielding to senior pitcher Pat Kantakevich. Normally one of the College's top relievers, Neustifter was determined to make the most of his rare start.

"I was pretty excited. It's a good opportunity for me to get some innings," Neustifter said. "It's totally different out of the bullpen, so I just tried to prepare myself the best I knew how."

Despite struggling early in the count, Neustifter attacked the strike zone against the Blue Hens, producing pop-ups and ground balls to stymie Delaware. An efficient offense supported the junior; despite recording only six hits against Delaware starting pitcher Brad Miller, the Tribe pushed across six runs, utilizing a mixture of timely singles and situational hitting to take the win.

After Neustifter yielded a pair of third inning runs, senior catcher Tim Park tied the contest a frame later with a timely,

bases-loaded double, before senior leftfielder Greg Maliniak gave the Tribe a lead it would not relinquish, plating junior first baseman Mike Sheridan on a ground ball to second base. The squad tacked on one more run in the fifth inning to fortify the lead, before Kantakevich came in to slam the door on the Blue Hens. Entering with one out and two runners on base in the sixth inning, the senior posted three and one-third scoreless innings in relief, mowing down Delaware hitters with his vicious fastball.

"We executed today, we put down some bunts, we hit some sacrifice flies, we did the things we needed to do to win the game," Leoni said. "That's the formula, especially to get out of a losing streak."

A day later, the College earned another win, riding a seventh-inning grand slam by senior designated hitter Paul Julianio to a 9-4 victory.

"It's good to get back on the winning side," Leoni said. "Hopefully, we can keep it up."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

After a year, Sexton leaves team

By ANDREW PIKE
Flat Hat Sports Editor

After appearing in 28 games this season, freshman guard John Sexton has left the Tribe.

"John Sexton is no longer a member of our basketball program," Head Coach Tony Shaver said in a statement. "I believe he will pursue other playing opportunities and we will support him however we can in that process."

Sexton averaged 2.5 points per game and played 10.5 minutes per game; he also shot 45 percent from three-point range, connecting on 18 of his 40 attempts.

"I appreciate his contribution to what was a very successful season for our program and wish him the best of luck in his future," Shaver said.

Sexton scored a career-high 15 points Feb. 2 in the Tribe's 70-66 victory over the University of North Carolina—Wilmington and reached double figures a second time against Loyola University (Chicago) Feb. 23 with 11 points. During the College's CAA Tournament run, Sexton played a total of only six minutes, scoring zero points.

Sexton's departure leaves nine scholarship players on the Tribe's roster. With two incoming freshmen arriving this fall, the College has two scholarships remaining.



ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT
Freshman guard John Sexton.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Moulton-Levy, Zoricic click, lead Tribe



SARAH GRAYCE — THE FLAT HAT
Sophomore Carmen Pop.

By CHRIS WEIDMAN
Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

TRIBE 6, VCU 1
In a 6-1 defeat of visiting no. 36 Virginia Commonwealth University (14-4, 5-1 CAA), the 24th-ranked Tribe (12-8, 1-0 CAA) captured its first conference win Saturday afternoon at the McCormack-Nagelsen Tennis Center. The College's fourth consecutive victory provides momentum as the squad has just two regular season matches remaining before the CAA Championship.

"It was a good win for us," Head Coach Kevin Epley said. "[VCU is] a big conference rival, which we would expect to see in the CAA tournament."

The Tribe's 11th-ranked doubles team of senior Megan Moulton-Levy and junior Katarina Zoricic set

the tone early, climbing to a 3-0 advantage before taking the match 8-1. Zoricic's strong back-court presence, paired with Moulton-Levy's overhead slams, propelled the team past VCU's Tatsiana Uvarova and Viktoria Konstantinova.

"We had been struggling for the past year," Moulton-Levy said. "Today, what we have been striving for all year came together. We were attacking serves and returns; it all clicked."

After sophomores Lauren Sabacinki and Carmen Pop dropped the no. 3 doubles slot 8-3, junior Klaudyna Kasztelaniec and sophomore Ragini Acharya took the final doubles match 8-6 to earn the Tribe the vital doubles point heading into the singles matches. Kasztelaniec and Acharya worked their way to a 6-3 advantage before the Rams' tandem of Laura Burns and Vera Petrashevitch leveled the set at 6-6. According to Epley, the Tribe duo pulled

out the set thanks to strong serving and aggressively attacking the net.

The College emerged fresh out of the brief recess that followed the doubles matches to win four of the six sets in the opening round of the singles matches, leading to singles victories in five of the six matches.

Moulton-Levy, ranked 10th in the nation in singles, cruised to victory after a 6-1 first set, following that up with a 6-4 second set to better her singles record to 24-6 on the season. The Tribe's top singles player utilized an assortment of shots and her quick feet to overcome no. 42 Uvarova.

"I was playing with a lot of confidence and variety," Moulton-Levy said. "Speed is always a huge strength ... footwork played a huge role in this match."

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LACROSSE

Sellers powers College past Cal-Berkeley

Tribe earns second straight home victory over non-conference foe

By JACK POLLOCK
Flat Hat Staff Writer

TRIBE 16, CAL 10
Coming off a victory against 10th-ranked Stanford University, the Tribe's momentum helped it pick up another win against a West Coast opponent, defeating the University of California—Berkeley, 16-10.

The College had trouble finding its rhythm early on in the game, allowing three goals in the first five minutes following a turnover and two lost draws.

Junior midfielder Claire Dennis helped shake the Tribe out of its slow start, sparking an 8-1 run as she knifed through the defense to score from the top of the crease.

The College put together three more goals in the next two minutes to take a 4-3 advantage with 22:30 remaining in the first half. Senior midfielder Jaime Sellers was a big part of the comeback, contributing two of her four goals during that stretch.

Following the charge, both teams tightened up their defense, holding each other scoreless in the next four minutes. Freshman goalkeeper Emily Geary came up

big for the Tribe during the span, recording several saves on her way to her fourth straight game with 10 or more saves. Geary received plenty of support from senior defender Ashley Bolton, who disrupted the Cal offense and forced a pair of turnovers. Following the drought, the Tribe traded goals with the Golden Bears before finishing out the half with three more scores to take a 7-4 lead at the break. The College's constant offensive pressure was the key to its early success as it out-shot Cal 20-12 in the first half.

"I think we played well as a collective

unit, and a lot of girls had great games, particularly Sellers and Dennis," Head Coach Christine Halfpenny said.

The Tribe continued to control the game on offense and executed well to start the second half. Quick passing freed up freshman attacker Maggie Anderson and sophomore Katie Rees for goals to stretch the College's lead to 10-5.

However, the Golden Bears quickly mounted a charge of their own over the next two minutes, cutting their deficit to

See LACROSSE page 7

Sorority philanthropy fails to makeover starving West Africans

Charity event thwarted by punitive damages at College Delly

By RICKY TRENDY
House Boat Operator

Prominent campus sorority Delta Delta Gamma held a large social event this weekend to raise money for their official philanthropy, Make West Africa Fabulous, which provides full makeovers for destitute and starving children in the troubled region of West Africa.

“They can’t even afford, like, basic shades of eyeliner,” said DDG Social Chair Chesty Magee ’08 between snorts of cocaine. “Can you imagine growing up

without an add-a-pearl necklace? These are fundamental human rights or whatever.”

The event, which invited students to participate in a beer pong tournament for a \$5 entry fee, was titled “Let’s All Get Wasted for Poor People in Asia or Wherever,” or LAGWFPPIAOW for short. Over two hundred students attended the event, which was held at the College Delly.

“I’m totally down with saving the whales,” said Tommy McFratty ’11. “I mean, fixing the ozone. Wait, where am I?”

Delta Delta Gamma raised over \$500 with the event but, owing to the cost of the beer consumed and to several hundred dollars in damage reported by the College Delly, reported a loss.

“Um, we actually had to charge the loss to Make West Africa Fabulous, rather than giving them money,” said DDG President Prissy Wealthyson ’09.

“The Delly was super mean about making us pay for the broken furniture, so we had to get the money from somewhere. I mean, I’m sad for the Africans, but I’m needy too, you know? I have to run, though, I have a super important lunch date,” Wealthyson said as she got into her new BMW 5-series and drove off. “Ciao!”



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DDG Social Chair Chesty Magee ’08 takes aim in the Make West Africa Fabulous beer pong tourney with her partner Tommy McFratty ’11.


‘DO YA THINK I’M SEXY?’



WE STOLE THIS ONE TOO
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BEHIND CLOSED DOORZ

Driving down the Hershey highway

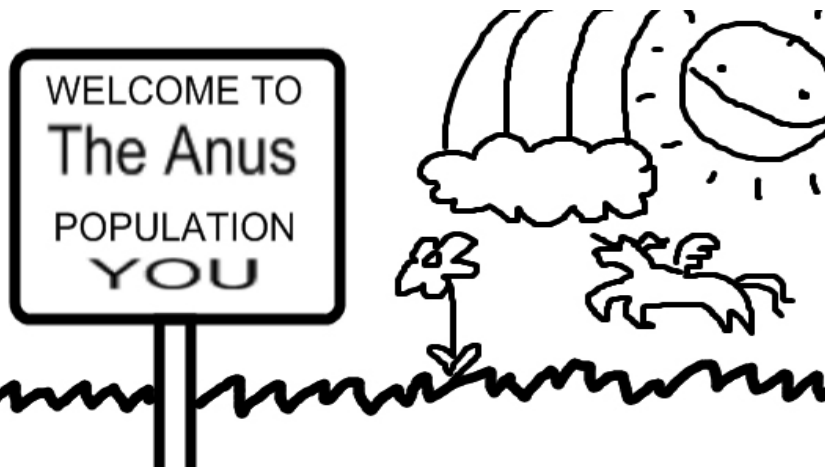
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Ah, the anus! That taut band of muscle, that stelliform gateway to penile paradise. Long considered to be a “one way street,” the divine sphincter’s possibilities have really opened up lately. But for heterosexual men, the issue is far from settled. Too many of our significant others still consider it taboo; too many of our brothels still charge extra for it. Is there any way out of this mindset? That is, is there any way in?

Traditional wisdom has offered several tactics, none of them guaranteed to work. Some sex columnists suggest a candid, lengthy conversation with your girlfriend in which each of you establish your boundaries and come to a compromise. But how is such a sensitive subject to be breached? The English language is far from accommodating. “Baby, I’ve been thinking,” you could say, “and I want to stick it in your butt.” Too coarse, certainly. But the polite alternative is no better. “My darling and utter equal! My pulchritudinous buttercup! After hours of melancholy contemplation, I firmly believe that anal intercourse would contribute to the betterment of our sexual congress.”

Surely, then, conversation is out of the question. Another option — frequently endorsed but seldom successful — is feigning anatomical ignorance. This method is commonly known as “Wrong Hole? Oops! Oh Well!” When drunk or otherwise out of sorts, turn out all the lights and get to schtupping. Mistakenly insert your member ever-so-slightly south of the



puenda. (Note: if you’re “hitting that from behind,” aim ever-so-slightly north of the puenda. Otherwise things will proceed normally, and that’s no fun.) She won’t be happy about it, boys, I assure you — but if this method is properly executed, you may get a quick taste of Heaven. Of course, you also run the risk of being sued, castrated or left bitter and alone for the rest of your life. Depends on the woman.

Here you must be wondering: is there a foolproof way, Brandon? Reader, I believe there is. Time and again, studies have found a correlation between Automotive Stereo Volume and Willingness to Go There. (Cf. “The Drixton-Bumbledorf Experiments in Correlative Anal Sexuality,” Aberrant Psychology Monthly, July 1996.) It sounds confusing, but nothing could be simpler. Allow me to guide you through the process.

On a sunny spring day, take to your automobile with your girlfriend riding shotty. When you’re cruising on the highway, pick out the most offensive, abrasive music you’ve got and blast it at almost full volume. (Nineties gangsta hip-hop, ghettech and death-thrashcore are all fine candidates.) If your girlfriend

is indifferent and just kind of sits there, there’s a modest chance you can drive down the proverbial Hershey highway. If she gets irritated and lowers the volume, you’re screwed — and not in the way you want. But, reader, if she excitedly cranks up the stereo and starts dancing, well, congratulations! Your sex life is about to take a turn for the better.

The Drixton-Bumbledorf studies found these reactions and their corresponding sexual preferences to hold true for 95 percent of women, regardless of age, ethnicity or religious preference. Granted, evangelical Christians overwhelmingly turned down the music. But if you’re dating a Christian, you probably abandoned hope a long, long time ago.

So there you have it, friends: a failsafe (and fun!) way to determine how ready your significant other is for the joys of anal sex, with no conversation or “mistakes” necessary. Use it. Memorize it. Pass it on. Oh, and always be sure to use protection, and only have sex with the woman if you really care about her as a person, and all that jazz.

Brandon McButtsecks is the Fat Head sex columnist. He doesn't have time for pleasantries.

WILLIAMSBURG GOSSIP

A different kind of scandal
Babs Ukrop was spotted grocery shopping this weekend — in Bloom, of all places. The BOV babe picked disdainfully through the produce without removing her Mary Kate Olsen-style sunglasses. We caught snippets of a cell phone conversation as she perused the wine aisle. “I can’t help it, Suz” she said, presumably to fellow vivacious visitor Suzann Matthews. “The prices are just so low!” We expect news of the pending divorce to break any day.



Dishonorable discharge
We found Zach Pilchen on the roof of Morton wishing on a falling star the other night. Ever since he met a fly girl at a gala affair, he can’t relax. Eating Scooby Snacks, the campus celeb confessed that, like Bette Davis, James Dean and Gable, his new love is from the city of angels. After shaking her hand at 9 p.m., the hippie is afraid he’ll never be the same again. Zach admits that he fell for the girl that’s on TV.



Clemens off the deep end
Looks like Clay Clemens has a new love: Scientology. Along with frequent couch jumping, the Bundestag expert has been spotted dumping bottle after bottle of pills into the Crim Dell and his popular pups now answer to new names — Xenu and L Ron Hubbard. They allegedly will accompany Clay on his summer vacation: a month-long adventure on Freewinds, the Scientology cruise ship.



Stars are blind for VP Val
Even though the gods are crazy, Valerie Hopkins sho ain’t. The lovable wood nymph don’t mind spending time hanging here with you. She don’t find too many guys that treat her like you do. Those other guys all want to take her for a ride. She can make it nice and naughty — be the devil and angel, too. And really, if the world ends tomorrow, why shouldn’t we be with the one we really love?

— by The Alice Hahn

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Nichol departure inspires women's basketball team to listen to angry girl rock music (with volume @ 11)

"HERE'S THE THING WE STARTED OUT FRIENDS IT WAS COOL BUT IT WAS ALL PRETEND. YEAH YEAH. SINCE YOU BEEN GONE. YOU'RE DEDICATED YOU TOOK THE TIME. SOMETHING SOME-THING I CALLED YOU MINE. YEAH YEAH. SINCE YOU BEEN GONE. SINCE U BEEN GONE. I CAN BREATHE FOR THE FIRST TIME." &c.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Tribe basketball advances to final four for first time in history; set to play UCLA tonight

This is great news! For Hillary!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

MACK IS BACK
John McCain '83 vows to attack Iranian sports teams if elected

Presidential Contender John McCain J.D. '83 vowed yesterday that America can still kick ass, as long as it's an athletic and not military exercise. "My friends, we will return America's prestige abroad by demonstrating our superior ability to win at sports that we invented or stole from the British and modified," McCain said at a major policy speech at the Law School. Important people come to William and Mary all the time because we're awesome. McCain qualified his statements by saying the only sports he would feel comfortable with us playing internationally would be basketball and baseball, and only if not played in Latin America or Eastern Europe. "The Puerto Ricans are too good," McCain said. McCain had no comment when he was told that Puerto Rico is still part of the U.S.

CHRISTIAN RIGHT BASEBALL
Former President Nichol throws out first pitch at opening Christian Right Baseball League game, receives boos, conditional forgiveness for his evil crimes against Christians

Former College President Gene Nichol may not much like our esteemed and honorable President George W. Bush, but that doesn't stop him from following in his footsteps. The icky former College president threw the first pitch last night at a Christian Right baseball game to boos from the pious crowd, leading many observers to compare the event to the boos from heathen fans our fearless national leader received the other night when he threw the first MLB pitch at the Nationals-Braves game. Some fans at the game seemed to sympathize with the evildoer, Gene Nichol, and offered him sympathy only possible by a devout Christian. "For removing that cross, Gene Nichol is a sinner, but so too are Fred Phelps, Catholics and Mitt Romney," Faith Morales said. "I don't think they're necessarily going to Hell."

—This is Are Country

Tribe skips out on 'totally lame' tourney bid

By SPARKY FLOODPLAINS
Beach Journalist

Everyone who knows college basketball knows that the NIT tournament blows. So when the NIT selection committee called the College desperate to fill spots in the 32-team field, Tribe Head Coach Tony Shaver laughed. "The NIT is totally lame," he said. "We almost made the NCAA tournament.

It would have been madness of the March variety! But even though we just missed, we didn't want to diminish what we'd accomplished by taking an NIT bid." Nationally renowned sports rag The Sports Leek reported that the NIT selection committee was reduced to opening the tournament to high school and youth basketball leagues. A 12-14 youth team from Hoboken, N.J. even got a no. 3 seed. "We don't think this cheapens the

tournament," NIT Director Stan Noodlefest said. "We just want to create opportunities for all youth league and playground pick-up teams in a tournament that used to discriminate in favor of college teams that had just missed the NCAA tournament. Really, we should be applauded for it. I think it makes the NIT exciting." The fact remains, nobody cares about the NIT. Even when the NIT called Shaver offering him a spot in the final four because

Hoboken Knickerbocker superstar Tommy "Recess Baller" Schwartz went down with a killer splinter, Shaver still declined. "I already told you," he said, "the NIT is totally lame." *Editor's Note: Here's a trade secret. Sometimes, we have to bullshit to make the articles fill the whole space. Ten percent of facts in this newspaper are made up for this purpose. If you can spot one, you may win a timeshare!*

MEN'S POLO: TRIBE 57!!!!, GREENWICH 0

As delightful as tea and crumpets at an indoor polo match (Go Tribe!)



THE FLAT HAT!!!!!!
there was a polo match with some horses but nobody really wanted to watch because they would rather read the flat hat and we won a pacemaker and flat hat rules 4 life, bitches!

By GENE RAY NICHOL, SUN GOD
International Polo Correspondent

The College kicked off its first polo match in a generation to great success, upsetting perennial polo champions, the Greenwich, Conn. Yachtmen. "Those Greenwich fucks got nuthin' on us. I ain't been through six years of

trade school to lose to no blue blood pricks," working class coach Bud Sampson said. Sampson previously served as an unsuccessful polo coach in a region of West Virginia known for not having horses. **An interesting dichotomy** Many have noted the "interesting

dichotomy" between having a coach on welfare and a team with an estimated combined net worth of \$2.3 billion. For one of the teammates, Sampson's poverty has no impact on his opinion. "Sampson? He's an right old chap, I guess. I treat him just like I treat any other poor," team center C. Wellington Duffingtonkenilworth, III said. "Now get

out of my way, you despicable trash." Play was interrupted momentarily near the half as Lord Wexler Cornelius Davenderhypotmeyer proposed marriage to the lovely lady Annabelle Fairfax Von Worthingtonshiremount as the wedding march (Mendelssohn's of course!) played on the nearby pianoforte. 'Get the pun? Horses kick!

QUIDDITCH: TRIBE 170!!, WEIRD HIGH SCHOOL KIDS WHO WEAR CAPES 160

Harry Potter nerds are good at sports, too

By BOB LeCRACKHEAD
Associated Press Reporter

In the first ever collegiate Quidditch tournament in the continental United States, the Tribe dominated through four grueling rounds before emerging victorious and earning the no. 1 seed in the country. "It was a great tournament for us," team captain Hermione Smith '08 said. "I was most proud of the final game. We were down by 60 points, but we scored two goals with the quaffle before our seeker caught the golden snitch. What a win! We're going to celebrate with some butter beer tonight." Butter beer, in this case, was actually apple juice. Members of the College's team are dedicated to their fantasy, er, sport. Smith even had her name legally changed to honor her favorite character from the famous "Harry Potter" book series, from which Quidditch was born. "Sometimes people make fun of us and call us nerds because we play a fake sport," Smith said. "All I have to say is it's a real sport. It's really hard running around with a broom between your legs. I've read all the 'Harry Potter' books at least five times each, and this game is very accurate." Because "Harry Potter" is fictional, no people

playing Quidditch in this tournament actually have magical powers. Instead of flying, they merely run around with brooms that must be between their legs at all times. The golden snitch is actually a cross country runner who dresses in yellow and runs around campus. "I don't care what people think," Tribe beater Brett Thomas '09 said. "When you have that broom between your legs, you're really flying. You're really playing Quidditch. As a guy though, I have to be careful with the way I hold the broom. You can get hurt pretty bad. We lost our seeker to an unfortunate injury earlier this season." The College's team represents a joint effort between Rec Sports and the Wizards and Muggles Club, which is devoted to all things "Harry Potter." Most of the participants aren't very athletic, but that didn't turn out to be much of a problem. No team at the tournament, which was hosted by Princeton University, had much athletic ability. Instead, the Tribe relied mostly on guile, Red Bull and an uncanny mastery of the "Harry Potter" vernacular. Many competitors even carried wands and yelled spells. However, like in the books, the use of the three unforgivable curses was prohibited. Even though nothing actually happened, the team from the University



I FACEBOOKED YOUR MOM LAST NIGHT (AND IT WAS REALLY GOOD)
"Harry Potter 5" was the best movie, but it didn't have a lot of Quidditch in it like the earlier ones. Let's hear it for the Tribe!
of Virginia was disqualified when one of its seekers uttered Avada Kedavra in frustration. "People got really intense," Smith said. "But it's just like when Harry fought Lord Voldemort in book seven. You always have to think about your game plan. And that U.Va. guy was totally out of line. Someone could have been killed." The Tribe will now be invited to compete against the top European teams in the international tournament next month.